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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

The Honorable Dan Benishek  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Benishek:

Thank you for your August 28, 2012 letter regarding the Marquette Road Commission's permit application to construct County Road 595.

As you know, on August 28, 2012, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency held a hearing in Marquette, Michigan to obtain additional public input before deciding whether to reaffirm, modify, or withdraw the federal objection to permit issuance. In addition to the letter that your Special Assistant Dan Blough shared at the hearing, we received hundreds of comments from elected officials, tribes, nonprofit organizations, and the general public.

The Agency is reviewing all of these comments and will prepare a responsiveness summary before making a final decision. We will forward a copy of the responsiveness summary to your office, when it is complete.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please call me, or your staff may contact Ronna Beckmann or Denise Gawlinski, the Region 5 Congressional Liaisons, at 312-886-3000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S Hedman", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

Susan Hedman  
Regional Administrator